

WINCANTON  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MEDICAL OFFICER**  
**OF HEALTH**

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**FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1959**



Wincanton,  
Somerset.

July, 1961

To the  
Rural District Council of Wincanton

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you my Annual Report for the year 1959.

**1.—GENERAL STATISTICS**

Area (in acres) ....	....	....	....	....	64,540
Population (1959) ....	....	....	....	....	17,520
Number of inhabited houses (1959) ....	....	....	....	....	5,661
Rateable Value (1st April, 1959) ....	....	....	....	....	£155,851
Net Product of Penny Rate (1959) ....	....	....	....	....	£648

**2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR**

**BIRTHS**

		Males	Females
Live Births	Total	141	132
	Legitimate	134	126
	Illegitimate	7	6
	Rate per 1,000 resident population—	15.6	
	Comparative rate, England & Wales—	16.5	
Still Births	Total	2	2
	Legitimate	2	2
	Illegitimate	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 live & still births—	14.4	
	Comparative rate, England & Wales—	20.7	

**DEATHS**

Deaths from all causes: Total, 213. Males, 97. Females, 116.

There were four deaths in infants under one year being one male and three females all under one week old. There were no maternal deaths.



The chief causes of death were:

Heart Disease....	....	....	....	60	(75)
Intra-Cranial Vascular Disease	....			49	(42)
Cancer (all forms)	....	....	....	37	(52)
Cancer of Lungs (included above, 8)					(5)
Bronchitis	....	....	....	6	(8)
Pneumonia	....	....	....	4	(3)
Road Accidents	....	....	....	4	(4)
Suicide	....	....	....	1	(0)
Tuberculosis	....	....	....	1	(0)
Accidents, not Road	....	....	....	1	(6)

Figures in brackets are for 1958.

### 3.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

Diphtheria	....	0	(0)
Whooping Cough		7	(9)
Scarlet Fever	....	13	(10)
Measles	....	349	(123)
Pneumonia	....	30	(22)
Tuberculosis	....	8	(3)
Poliomyelitis	....	0	(2)
Erysipelas	....	3	(0)
Dysentery	....	1	(0)
Puerperal Pyrexia		1	(2)

The 1958 figures are shown in brackets.

The Measles epidemic was very widespread in the early part of the year and it is noteworthy that Whooping Cough did not assume epidemic proportions at any time during the past two years; this can be attributed to the increased use of prophylactic inoculation.

During the year a localised outbreak of suspected food poisoning was investigated by your inspectors; it did not spread and there was no cause for concern.

An outbreak of Brucellosis (Melitensis) in a dairy herd was notified by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The milk was being used for cheese making and after correspondence and enquiry it was decided that no action was needed as any risk of infection persisting after three months was negligible and an undertaking was given that no cheeses would be sold until the expiration of at least three months from the date of manufacture.

#### **4.—NURSING SERVICES**

Domiciliary Nursing and Maternity Services are provided by the County Council, the district being served by 11 nurses some of whom also fulfil the duties of Health Visitors.

#### **5.—AMBULANCE SERVICES**

Ambulance Services, also provided by the County Council, and partly staffed by members of the British Red Cross Society, are controlled in this district from a control office in Yeovil. Ambulances are kept at Yeovil and Castle Cary. Since the Rural District is close to Dorset and the adjacent South West Metropolitan Hospital Board the services in this area are used in emergency.

#### **6.—IMMUNISATION**

Prophylactic Inoculations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Vaccination against Smallpox, and with "B.C.G." against Tuberculosis are the responsibility of the County Council the work being done through the School Medical Service, the general practitioners and the Chest Clinics.

#### **7.—PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS**

The Public Health Department consists of one part-time Medical Officer, the Senior Public Health Inspector and two additional Public Health Inspectors all of whom are also inspectors of meat and other foods. There is also one clerical assistant and one shorthand typist.

#### **8.—WATER SUPPLIES**

The quantity generally has been adequate, although a temporary shortage occurred in the Redlynch Area.

The quality has been mainly satisfactory but the Babwell (Cucklington) supply continues to be unsatisfactory. The Milborne Port supply also showed repeated signs of contamination and a chlorination plant was installed during August. Chlorination continues in the Bruton, Castle Cary, Penselwood, Templecombe and Wincanton supplies.

Samples are taken regularly for bacteriological and chemical analysis, the results being set out in the following tables:—

Raw Water				Treated after going into Supply			
Bacteriological		Chemical		Bacteriological		Chemical	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
<b>Public</b> 40	14	—	—	125	8	8	—
<b>Private</b> 4	12	—	—	—	—	—	—

#### Water Supplies from Mains:

Direct to the Houses		By means of Standpipes	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Population (Estimated)	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population (Estimated)
<b>Public</b> 5,257	15,798	18	52
<b>Private</b> 313	970	—	—

No. of parishes with piped water supply:

(i) from public mains, 31; (ii) from private reservoirs, 4.

No. of parishes without a piped supply of water:

Nil.

The Public Water Supplies liable to have plumbo-solvent action are Bruton, South Brewham, Charlton Musgrove and, to a lesser extent, Penselwood. At Charlton Musgrove the water is passed over Magnesite, but the efficiency of this treatment is open to question.

A liming plant is available for use at Penselwood. No treatment is undertaken at Brewham.

#### Water Supplies from Wells

No. of cases in which a piped supply was substituted for well water	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	nil
No. of cases in which a piped supply was substituted for other private sources	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	58
No. of houses relying on well supplies	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50



## 9.—DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The following parishes are served by comprehensive sewage disposal systems: Ansford, Bruton, Castle Cary, Henstridge, Milborne Port, North Cheriton, Queen Camel, South Barrow, Sparkford, Templecombe and Wincanton.

Major reconstruction and repair work is being carried out at Bruton.

A scheme for North Cadbury is being prepared and a scheme for Charlton Horethorne is being considered.

No Cesspool emptying service is provided.

River and stream pollution takes place to some extent in many parishes and the position is not being improved by the “standard grants” now available for the provision of modern amenities of which full use is made.

I think this state of affairs will continue until all parishes are provided with adequate sewage disposal schemes.

Steps have been taken to secure abatement in the case of one stream which was very badly polluted. The source of the pollution in this case was agricultural not domestic and the disposal of these “trade” effluents may have to be considered in connection with future schemes although they have not been included automatically in the past.

## 10.—CAMPING SITES

Number of Camping Sites (Permanent) ....	2
Maximum number allowed per acre (caravans) ....	7
Estimated number of campers during the year (average)	15
No. of Annual Licences issued for individual moveable dwellings ....	24

## 11.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Milk

(a) Total number of Registered Dairies ....	7
(b) Total number of Registered Distributors ....	22
(c) Number of Supplementary licences issued to dealers whose dairies are outside the area. (2 Pasteurised; 3 T.T.) ....	5
(d) Number of Licensed Dealers in Designated Milk ....	25

### Milk Sampling

Nil.

## Ice Cream

No. of premises registered for:

(a) Manufacture and retail	....	....	....	Nil
(b) Manufacture only	....	....	....	Nil
(c) Retail only	....	....	....	72

No Ice Cream samples were taken.

## Premises where food is prepared

See report of the Senior Public Health Inspector.

## Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Eight informal notices have been served.

## 12.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Four licensed slaughterhouses, all privately owned, were in operation during the year. One bacon factory was also in operation. Regular inspections were carried out.

There is no knacker's yard in the district.

## 13.—SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

No. in area:

(a) Owned by Local Authority	....	....	....	....	Nil
(b) Privately owned	....	....	....	....	2

Estimated average number of bathers daily during season:  
25—50.

Water used for filling pool: From Well.

Treatment: Recirculation, Aeration and Automatic Chlorination.

These Pools are at King's School, Bruton and Hazelgrove School, Queen Camel.

Samples taken: Nil.

## 14.—HOUSING

Total number of permanent dwellings in District	....	....	5,661
Total number of permanent dwellings owned by Local Authority	....	....	1,557



## Action taken during the year

- (1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas still to be made .... Nil
- (2) Number of houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched for temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957 .... Nil
- (3) Number of houses demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 .... 10
- (4) Number of houses demolished or closed under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 .... 17
- (5) Number of temporary dwellings (huts, etc.) demolished Nil
- (6) Number of notices served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 .... 1
- (7) Number of unfit houses occupied under licence .... Nil
- (8) Number of houses made fit during year .... 30
- (9) *Rent Act, 1957 (1st Schedule)*. Certificates of Disrepair:
- (a) Number of applications received.... Nil
- (b) Number of Certificates issued .... Nil
- (c) Undertakings to repair accepted.... Nil

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings	Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one
	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes		
Local Authority ...	—	—	—	14	—	—
Private Enterprise	—	25	—	15	2	6
Totals ...	—	25	—	29	2	6

No. of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1958		Housing Programme for 1960	
By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes
W.R.D.C. 689	191	40	41

**Improvement Grants**

17 applications for discretionary grants in respect of 41 dwellings were approved during the year, the average approved cost per dwelling being £868

Total Amount payable by the Local Authority £15,450

23 applications for standard grants were received and 15 approved.

These standard grants were only available from June 1959, and the particulars are given in detail in your Inspector's report.

**Houses required**

(1) To replace houses scheduled for demolition	....	....	100
(2) To abate overcrowding	....	....	Nil
(3) For other purposes	....	....	100
Number on the waiting list for council houses	....	....	312
Council houses sold during the year	....	....	1

**15.—FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948**

**Part I of the Act**

**1.—Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	21	37	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	75	57	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	96	94	—	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient ...	1	—	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	4	2	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	5	2	—	3	—

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel —Making, etc.	127	—	—	—	—	—

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E. M. TUSTIN,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



# REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1959

In presenting my twenty-fourth Annual Report I wish to record my regret at the death of Dr. T. E. Coulson, who was Medical Officer of Health when I took office in 1936 and for many years before. He was greatly respected throughout the district and I found him kind and helpful at all times.

The total number of inspections was 5,026, made up as follows:

## Public Health Acts

Camping Sites	....	....	....	....	....	....	39
Dangerous Buildings	....	....	....	....	....	....	35
Drainage, Sewers and Sewage Disposal	....	....	....	....	....	....	337
Nuisances	....	....	....	....	....	....	182
Rodent Control	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
Water Supplies	....	....	....	....	....	....	242

## New Buildings

Byelaws and Town Planning	....	....	....	....	....	1,513
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<b>Housing</b>	....	....	....	....	....	....	719
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## Food and Drugs Act

Meat Inspection	....	....	....	....	....	....	777
Food Premises	....	....	....	....	....	....	238
Milk and Dairies	....	....	....	....	....	....	8

<b>Petroleum</b>	....	....	....	....	....	....	258
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5,026

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# POPULATION SERVED BY PIPED WATER SUPPLIES

Parish	Popu- lation Census  1951	Total No. of houses	Public Supplies				Private Supplies	
			Supplied by pipe		Supplied by standpipe		Supplied by pipe	
			No. of houses	Est. Pop.	No. of houses	Est. Pop.	No. of houses	Est. Pop.
Alford .. ..	76	24	24	77	—	—	—	—
Ansford .. ..	506	171	168	505	—	—	1	3
Bratton Seymour	145	37	30	120	—	—	7	28
Bruham .. ..	443	126	120	419	—	—	4	13
Bruton .. ..	1,614	566	555	1,670	—	—	9	27
Castle Cary ..	1,575	642	632	1,616	—	—	7	17
Charlton Horethorne	492	161	150	470	6	18	2	6
Charlton Musgrove	359	123	114	348	—	—	5	15
Compton Pauncefoot	178	59	24	72	—	—	35	108
Corton Denham	222	70	9	28	—	—	58	189
Cucklington ..	219	65	60	196	—	—	3	9
Henstridge ..	1,096	380	366	1,076	3	8	3	9
Holton .. ..	209	78	69	195	—	—	7	20
Horsington ..	611	170	156	546	—	—	11	38
Lovington ..	201	55	55	204	—	—	—	—
Maperton ..	102	37	29	81	—	—	5	14
Milborne Port ..	1,637	575	565	1,639	3	8	6	17
North Barrow ..	85	27	27	89	—	—	—	—
North Cadbury ..	704	224	169	540	—	—	45	154
North Cheriton ..	157	63	62	155	—	—	1	3
Penselwood ..	254	87	76	221	—	—	6	17
Pitcombe ..	344	117	101	303	—	—	13	39
Queen Camel ..	522	178	167	502	—	—	4	12
Shepton Montague	205	66	49	152	—	—	5	16
South Barrow ..	115	43	43	116	—	—	—	—
South Cadbury ..	268	95	24	72	—	—	64	180
Sparkford ..	397	134	130	391	—	—	5	15
Stoke Trister ..	305	104	99	297	—	—	3	9
Templecombe ..	1,015	337	329	990	6	18	2	6
Wincanton ..	2,537	813	813	2,570	—	—	—	—
Yarlington ..	158	46	42	138	—	—	2	6
	16,751	5,673	5,257	15,798	18	52	313	970

## SEWERAGE

I handed over control of Wincanton Sewerage at the end of the year.

So far as Templecombe and North Cheriton are concerned, no additional problems have arisen during the year.

## HOUSING

The following table gives details of the twenty-five dwellings erected during the year, the figures in brackets being those for 1958:

					Council Houses	Private Enterprise
Bruton	...	...	...	...	—	3
Castle Cary	...	...	...	...	—	1
Holton	...	...	...	...	—	3
Milborne Port	...	...	...	...	—	1
North Cadbury	...	...	...	...	—	2
Pitcombe	...	...	...	...	—	2
Queen Camel	...	...	...	...	—	1
Sparkford	...	...	...	...	—	1
Stoke Trister	...	...	...	...	—	2
Wincanton	...	...	...	...	—	9
(1958)	...	...	...	...	(21)	<sup>25</sup> (17)

## Slum Clearance Programme

Steady progress continues in dealing with unfit houses.

During the year the tenants of 8 condemned houses were rehoused in Council Houses.

There remain 52 occupied houses which are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders and Undertakings Not to Use.

## Requisitioning

One property remains under requisition.

## Improvement Grants

The House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 which came into force in June 1959, has imposed on Councils the obligation to make grants to house owners in connection with the provisions of the following standard amenities:

- (a) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom;
- (b) a wash hand basin;
- (c) a hot water supply;
- (d) a water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling;
- (e) satisfactory facilities for storing food.

The grants are limited to half the cost of the necessary work subject to a maximum of £155 and can only be made if the house has a "life" of at least 15 years, and if when the work is complete all the standard amenities have been provided and the house is fit for habitation within the meaning of Section 4 of the Housing Act 1957.

Tied houses, other than Agricultural houses, are excluded.

The authority to make improvement grants, now termed Discretionary Grants, under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 is continued.

Some difficulties have arisen over the interpretation of the new Act, but no doubt in time these will be cleared up.



I append tables showing the progress since the beginning of both schemes.

### Discretionary Grants—Number of houses involved:

	Applications					Approved Applications					Resulting in houses		
	Re- ceived	With- drawn	Re- fused	Ap- proved	Under Con- sider- ation	Aban- doned	Com- pleted	Work in Hand	Not start- ed	Total	Saved	Gain'd	Lost
Agricultural Cottages	90	10	—	76	4	1	57	13	5	76	19	4	1
Owner/	47	5	4	37	1	1	32	2	2	37	5	1	2
Occupied	44	5	—	36	3	—	25	11	—	36	7	1	3
Other .. ..													
Position at 31/12/59	181	20	4	149	8	2	114	26	7	149	31	6	6
Position at 31/12/58	157	17	4	108	28	2	89	12	5	108	26	5	3
Progress for 1959	24	3	—	41	8	—	25	26	7	—	5	1	3

### Standard Grants—Number of houses involved:

	Applications					Approved Applications				
	Rec- eived	With- drawn	Ref- used	App- roved	Under consid- eration	Aban- doned	Comp- leted	Work in Hand	Not Star- ted	Total
Agri- cultural Cott- ages ...	7	—	1	4	2	—	—	2	2	4
Owner/ Occup- ied ...	10	—	—	9	1	1	2	4	2	9
Other...	6	—	—	2	4	—	1	1	—	2
Position at 31.12.59	23	—	1	15	7	1	3	7	4	15

### Moveable Dwellings

Nine new licences have been issued.

Twelve licences have been renewed.

## STATUTORY AND INFORMAL ACTION

### Informal Action

In addition to the 40 Informal Notices outstanding at the beginning of the year, 79 have been served. Of the total of 119, 5 have been withdrawn and 41 have been complied with.

The following is a summary of the results obtained:

#### Remedied

Drainage nuisance	....	....	....	....	....	15
Buildings with defective closets	....	....	....	....	....	2
Dangerous or dilapidated buildings	....	....	....	....	....	3
Miscellaneous Nuisances	....	....	....	....	....	5
Contraventions—Food and Drugs Act	....	....	....	....	....	9
—Petroleum Regulations	....	....	....	....	....	4
Factories and Workplaces—Unsuitable Sanitary Con- veniences	....	....	....	....	....	2
Rodent Infestation	....	....	....	....	....	1

### Statutory Action

#### Public Health Acts

Statutory Notices served	....	....	....	....	....	1
Statutory Notices complied with	....	....	....	....	....	5

The following are the results obtained:—

#### Remedied

Dangerous or dilapidated buildings	....	....	....	....	....	1
Nuisances—Premises	....	....	....	....	....	4

#### Housing Acts

Notices complied with under Section 9	....	....	....	....	....	1
Notices served under Section 16	....	....	....	....	....	30
Undertakings Not to Use accepted	....	....	....	....	....	3
Closing Orders Made	....	....	....	....	....	19
Demolition Orders Made	....	....	....	....	....	2
Notices served under Section 36	....	....	....	....	....	1
Notices complied with under Section 36	....	....	....	....	....	2
Houses demolished	....	....	....	....	....	11
Houses closed	....	....	....	....	....	16

### Other Results

Houses Made Fit	....	....	....	....	....	30
Houses Lost by Conversion	....	....	....	....	....	6

## HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE

The House Refuse and Salvage Scheme continues to operate satisfactorily by direct labour. One ten cubic yard side-loading vehicle and one 18 cubic yard rear-loading vehicle are used.

Weekly collections are made in Ansford, Bruton, Castle Cary, Milborne Port and Wincanton, involving an estimated population of 7,500.

The remainder of the District, with the exception of a few outlying and isolated premises, is covered each fortnight.

**Closet Accommodation**

There were 29 conversions from Earth to Water closets during the year.

**Public Conveniences**

There are five public conveniences in the District. One each at Bruton, Castle Cary and Milborne Port and two at Wincanton.

**FOOD**

(1) The number and types of food premises in the District are as follows:

Hotels and Public Houses	....	....	....	....	57
Grocery Stores (includes greengroceries and village stores)	....	....	....	....	78
Cafes	....	....	....	....	14
Butcheries	....	....	....	....	16
Confectioneries (includes sweets, cakes and ice cream)					22
Fried fish and wet fish shops	....	....	....	....	6
Licensed Slaughterhouses	....	....	....	....	5
Egg Packing and Poultry Plucking Stations				....	1
Dairies	....	....	....	....	7
Canteens	....	....	....	....	12
Bakeries	....	....	....	....	14

(2) The number of Food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is: \*89  
For the sale of ice cream:

Groceries	....	....	....	....	42
Confectioneries	....	....	....	....	18
Dairies	....	....	....	....	1
Works Canteen	....	....	....	....	1
Cafes	....	....	....	....	10
					— 72
Fried Fish shops and cafes registered for fried fish	....	....	....	....	6
					— 6
Registered for sausage making:—					
Butchers' Shops	....	....	....	....	12
Bacon Factories	....	....	....	....	1
					— 13

(\*Two premises are each registered under two headings.) \*91  
Number of registered dairies 7  
Number of inspections of registered food premises 238



## **Food Hygiene Regulations**

Each food trader has been supplied with a memorandum of requirements under these regulations and follow-up action is in progress.

No Statutory action has been found necessary.

## **Miscellaneous Foods**

During the year 1,543 tins and packages of various foodstuffs, weighing approximately one ton, were condemned. These foods were disposed of by burial at the Refuse Tip.

## **PETROLEUM STORAGE**

Following the general advice by the Home Office, the Council's revised conditions have been put into operation.

This has involved alterations at most of the installations. Although at the end of the year, a number of applicants were still in default, the work was in hand and it was anticipated that it would be completed without the need for enforcement action.

## **SHOPS ACT, 1950**

The County Council continued the delegation of their powers under Section 38, sub-section (3), (4) and (5) of the Act, which deal with lighting, facilities for meals and for washing. No contraventions have been found.

## **MEAT**

The slaughterhouses licensed, in addition to the Bacon Factory at Bruton, are one in Castle Cary, one in Yenston (Henstridge), and two in Wincanton.

Despite difficulties, adequate inspection has been maintained. This has, of necessity, involved a reduction of work in other directions, but it is obvious from the table of results that this work is of utmost importance, and every effort will be made to maintain this standard.

Condemned meat, after the Manager has signed an undertaking that it shall not be used for human consumption, is slashed with a knife and the meat is then used either at pet shops or sold to merchants for fertilizer, etc.

It is my opinion that it is essential that there should be legal power to dye all condemned meat.

The results are included in the following table:

	Cattle, excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Goats, Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed ... ..	481	236	1,727	1,750	6,227
Number Inspected ... ..	481	236	1,727	1,750	6,227
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	4	48	50	55	58
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	34	87	15	198	789
Percentage of the number in- spected affected ... ..	7.9	57.2	3.76	14.45	13.6
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	2	—	—	76
Percentage of the number in- spected affected ... ..	—	0.85	—	—	1.23
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	5	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—

## BYELAWS AND TOWN PLANNING

### Byelaws

The following table summarises the action taken during the year:

In abeyance at 31st December, 1958	....	....	4	
New applications	....	....	275	
			<hr/>	279
Approved	....	....	257	
Rejected	....	....	12	
Withdrawn	....	....	2	
			<hr/>	271
In abeyance at 31st December, 1959	....	....	8	

**Infringements**

Relating to lack of notices, etc. ....	....	....	....	....	7
No. which also included defects ....	....	....	....	....	3
Defective work corrected ....	....	....	....	....	1
No further action ....	....	....	....	....	2
Plans presented ....	....	....	....	....	2
Action deferred ....	....	....	....	....	1

**Town Planning**

The arrangements for delegation to this Council include the division of applications into three categories by the Area Planning Officer as follows:—

- Category “A”

These, not appearing to involve a planning principle, are dealt with by the District Council.
- Category “B”

These, which may involve a planning principle, are also delegated to the District Council, but if the Council disagree with the advice of the Area Planning Officer, the application is referred to a special Sub-Committee.
- Category “C”  
and “D”

These are dealt with by the County Council.

	B/F 1st Jan. 1959	New Appli- cations	Total	No. Ap- proved	No. Re- fused	No. With- drawn	Not Yet Cat.	Per- mitted Develop- ment	No Deci- sion
Cat. A ...	2	42	44	42	—	1	—	—	1
Cat. B ...	31	106	137	109	9	5	—	—	14
Cat. C ...	29	102	131	56	22	12	—	—	41
Cat. D ...	22	36	58	19	—	1	—	—	38
Others ...	—	15	15	—	—	—	10	5	—
	84	301	385	226	31	19	10	5	94

**Infringements**

34 cases were reported during the year.

**RODENT CONTROL**

No charge is made for operations at dwellings.  
Charges based on the actual cost of operations continue to be made in respect of business and agricultural premises.  
The sewers, sewage works and refuse tips are all subject to regular treatment.



The summary of operations is given in the following table:—

	Class of Property			
	L.A.	D.H's.	Bus.	Agric.
Prevalence of rats and/or mice ...	1	194	16	27
Number infested by:—				
Rats: Major ...	—	8	4	9
Minor ...	1	176	11	18
Mice: Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	—	14	1	—
Number of properties inspected ...	14	528	41	64
Number of properties treated ...	1	194	16	27

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